

REMARKS

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courteous Office Action.

Claims 1-10, 12-25, and 27-31 are present in the application. Claims 1-10, 12-25 and 27-31 have been allowed, for which the Applicants are very grateful. Claims 32-44 have been rejected. Claims 32-44 are canceled herein without prejudice to Applicants' right to present such claims at a later time in a continuing application.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection

The Examiner has still rejected claims 32-44 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,248,699 to Subramanian, et al. for reasons of obviousness, of record in the previous Actions.

Following from Applicants' Amendment filed 3 April 2007 and the Advisory Action of April 12, 2007, the Applicants respectfully note that claims 32-44 are canceled herein without prejudice to Applicants' right to present such claims at a later time in a continuing application. The cancellation of these claims renders the instant rejection moot. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Request for Entry of Amendment

The Applicants would respectfully request that the instant Amendment be entered under 37 CFR §1.116(b): "Amendments presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal may be admitted." It is respectfully noted that all remaining rejected claims have been canceled herein. This amendment places the remaining allowed claims in better form for consideration on appeal by narrowing and focusing the issue since only allowed claims are now of record. It is respectfully submitted that for all of these reasons, which simplify and narrow the issues, the instant Amendment should be entered. Consideration of this request to enter the subject Amendment is earnestly solicited.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments and arguments presented above overcome the rejection and render it moot, and place the remaining claims and

application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested. The Examiner is respectfully reminded of her continuing duty to indicate allowable subject matter. The Examiner is also invited to call the Applicant's attorney at the number below for any reason, especially for any reason that may help advance the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,
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